

The Deadline to Apply to FEMA has been Extended to July 20

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Renters and homeowners in the 12 counties eligible for FEMA assistance due to the severe storms and flooding that took place in February and March now have an additional 45 days, until **July 20, 2023**, to apply for FEMA assistance. The previous deadline was Monday, June 5. The eligible counties include **Butte, Kern, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Mono, Monterey, San Benito, San Bernardino, Santa Cruz, Tulare and Tuolumne**.

FEMA disaster assistance cannot return you to your pre-disaster situation. It is meant to help you into a safe, secure and sanitary situation. If your home is damaged, you may either receive funds to aid with repair or if it's unlivable, you may receive rental assistance for temporary housing. FEMA's Individuals and Households Assistance Program may also provide funds to replace damaged clothing, furniture, or other contents of your home, not covered by insurance.

As of June 2, 2023, more than **\$33.5 million** in federal assistance has been approved for survivors of the designated counties. This total includes:

- **\$14,877,340** FEMA assistance approved for individuals and households
 - **\$13,068,169** for housing assistance
 - **\$1,809,170** for approved for Other Needs Assistance
- **\$18,722,200** SBA disaster loans was approved for homeowners, renters and businesses.

There are three ways to apply for FEMA: Online at DisasterAssistance.gov, the FEMA mobile app or by calling FEMA at 800-621-3362. If you use video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service. Helpline operators are available from **4 a.m. to 10 p.m. PT daily**. Press 2 for Spanish. Press 3 for an interpreter who speaks your language. For an accessible video on how to apply, go to youtube.com/watch?v=WZGpWI2RCNw.



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If FEMA refers you to SBA, you must apply with SBA before you can be considered for certain FEMA grant money, such as reimbursement for damaged personal property, transportation assistance and Group Flood Insurance Policy (GFIP). Residents are not obligated to take out a loan if they are approved, but a failure to return the application may disqualify them from possible FEMA assistance. Long-term, low-interest disaster loans for businesses, nonprofits, homeowners and renters may be available to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other sources.

For the latest information on California's recovery from the severe winter storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides, visit [FEMA.gov/disaster/4699](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4699). You may also follow twitter.com/Cal_OES, facebook.com/CaliforniaOES, [@FEMARegion9/Twitter](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion9) and [Facebook.com/FEMA](https://facebook.com/FEMA).

